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For: COUNTERMEASURE METHOD IN AN ELECTRIC COMPONENT USING A SECRET KEY CRYPTOGRAPHIC ALGORITHM)))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title appearing on lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon, and claims priority from French Application No. 99/02834, filed on March 8, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/FR00/00283, filed February 7, 2000, which was published on September 14, 2000 in a language other than English, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Background of the Invention--